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SUBJECT: JALLUD'S PROPOSED VISIT TO UK

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1. FCO OFFICIALS DO NOT SEE HOW THEY CAN STAVE OFF JALLUD VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE AND HOPE ONLY TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE. THEY EXPECT VISIT TO TAKE PLACE EARLY IN JUNE, PROBABLY PRECEDED BY PREPARATORY CALL OF LIBYAN OFFICIALS. THEY EXPECT TO TURN DOWN MOST OF JALLUD'S REQUESTS FOR MONEY, ARMS, AND ANYTHING ELSE. BRITISH FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES REGARD LIBYA AS UNPREDICTABLE, UNSTABLE CUSTOMER. POLITICAL AUTHORITIES REMAIN AWARE OF
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JALLUD'S POTENTIAL TO DAMAGE THEM IN BRITISH PUBLIC

OPINION IN VIEW OF HIS SUPPORT OF IRA TERRORISM. WE ARE ASSURED THAT MINISTERS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY REFUSE EVEN TO CONSIDER JALLUD'S CLAIM THAT BRITAIN OWES LIBYA SOME FIFTY MILLION POUNDS WHATEVER HE MAY THREATEN TO DO. WITH LIBYAN SHARE OF BRITISH OIL IMPORTS FALLING, BRITISH WOULD RELY ON INTERNATIONAL SHARING MECHANISMS TO BLUNT ANY LIBYAN THREATS IN THAT DIRECTION.

2. ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY WEIR ASSURES US (AS DID CAMPBELL BEFORE) THAT BRITISH WILL RAISE THE QUESTION OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM WITH JALLUD (REFTEL). THIS WOULD INCLUDE PALESTINIAN AS WELL AS IRA TERRORISM.

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